Sasaki Team Returns for Another Visit

Three members of Sasaki Associates were in town on October 2-3 for another fact-finding visit. Along with an architect from RossTarrant, they met with the Dean’s Council to familiarize them with the goals and objectives of the Master Plan. They subsequently met with 10 of the Deans on an individual basis to discuss the future of each of their respective colleges. During this visit, the project team was also able to gain input from representatives of the University Senate, Staff Senate, Auxiliary Services, Resource Management, Development, Health Affairs, Campus Recreation, and UK HealthCare as well as LFUCG Planning, Traffic and Transportation.

In our efforts to keep the lines of communication open between the City and UK, this visit included a van tour through adjacent neighborhoods led by Derek Paulsen, LFUCG Commissioner of Planning, and Chris King, LFUCG Planning Director. Chris King gave a brief history from an LFUCG perspective of the development of the areas adjacent to campus. Members of the Sasaki and UK Master Planning Teams were able to hear first-hand how some of the current off-campus housing developments came about as well as the origins of some of the recent ordinances that have been enacted.

My Campus Survey

The interactive survey is up and running! It will be open until November 7, so get online and let us know your daily activities in and around campus. It’s open to students, faculty, staff and community members. We want to hear from you. Fill out the survey at:

http://sasakistrategies.com/UK

Students can win an iPad sponsored by SGA for their participation so...

SPREAD THE WORD.
Stakeholder Input Continues

We are wrapping up our initial set of stakeholder meetings and have gained some very valuable input that will help to inform the future of the University Campus. To date we’ve met with the following stakeholder groups:

- LFUCG Staff
- Urban County Council
- Community Organizations
- UK In-House Staff
- UK Deans
- Students
- University Neighborhood Association Council
- 10 Adjacent Neighborhoods
- Merchants
- Landlords
- Faith Community
- Faculty and Staff Senate Representatives

During Sasaki’s next visit, they will present some of their findings based on information and feedback gathered to this point.

Voices Heard

Did you know that landlords think that for every difficult student, there are 9 terrific ones? That local business owners support additional retail in the area? Or that many long-time residents consider living amongst students a benefit? Last month we heard from the neighborhoods. This month our feedback comes from Landlords and Merchants who operate near campus. They said:

I am concerned about...
Renting to younger students
Being penalized for the actions of my renters
The zoning regulations being imposed on rental property owners

I like owning a business or rental near UK because...
Of the activity - the vibrant neighborhoods
Of the consistency of rentals
Local businesses help the neighborhoods and students blend together
The business climate along Limestone is better now that there are more merchants along this street

FAQ CORNER

What is the net increase in housing units with the new construction?
There will be a net increase of approximately 2,300 beds by August 2014, including the Haggan site, the North Campus site along Martin Luther King Blvd. and the two new residence halls at Cooperstown. However, the number of available beds will be dependent on whether other residence halls close at this time in order to be demolished for the next phase of the housing plan. All future plans and locations are subject to change, and are being examined during the master planning process.

Does UK pay sanitary sewer and storm water fees to LFUCG?
Yes, UK pays over $3.5 million in sanitary sewer fees and over $250,000 in storm water fees to LFUCG annually. Also, the University has been in compliance with LFUCG sanitary sewer and storm water design regulations since 1993.

Will I have another opportunity to give feedback on the Master Plan?
Yes, future public meetings are planned as the project progresses. You can also make comments at any time through our website at: www.uky.edu/masterplan

Being a Better Neighbor

Recently, UK overhauled the landscaping on five UK-owned single-family properties in the North Elizabeth Street Neighborhood.

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